

**In the specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 10 of the as-filed specification as follows:

According to a second aspect of the invention there is provided a vacuum cleaner comprising: a housing having a separation chamber for separating liquid and contaminants from a stream of air, and a collection chamber for collecting the separated liquid and contaminants, a floor unit having a suction opening, a passage between the suction opening and separation chamber, a suction source for establishing and maintaining the stream of air from the suction opening to the separation chamber, a float arranged to rise when a level of liquid in the collection chamber rises, a protective structure for constraining the float therein and having an upstream wall for deflecting ~~defecting~~ circular movement of the liquid, a switch positioned on an outside wall of the collection chamber and for stopping the suction source, and a lever positioned through an opening in the wall for activating the switch when the level of liquid rises to a predetermined level.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 5 of the as-filed specification as follows:

Preferably, the vacuum cleaner further includes a float arranged to rise when a level of liquid in the collection chamber rises, a protective structure for constraining the float therein and having an upstream wall for deflecting ~~defecting~~ circular movement of the liquid, a switch positioned on an outside wall of the collection chamber and arranged for

stopping the suction source, and a lever positioned through an opening in the wall for activating the switch when the level of liquid rises to a predetermined level.